Setting up of globe panel to tackle the menace of terrorism

1446. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has proposed to set up a globe panel of countries affected by terrorism for sharing and devising methods to tackle the menace as reported in 'The Times of India' dated the 28th January, 2003; and

(b) if so, the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Interpol Wing, CBI, New Delhi held an interaction with various Police Liaison Officers and other Consular Officers posted in New Delhi on 24.1.2003. The representatives from 18 countries participated in the deliberations for sharing of information and technology to enhance police cooperation for tackling terrorism, cyber crime and drug trafficking etc. In this meeting, the suggestion, made during the 71st Interpol General Assembly Session held at Cameroon, to set up a committee of 10 to 15 countries most affected by terrorism, was reiterated.

Discussions held during Home Minister's visit to Thailand and Singapore

1447. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit in January, 2003 to Thailand and Singapore, he had discussed matters relating to strengthening of the global fight against terrorism with the leaders of the two nations;

(b) if so, whether any other issues were discussed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Shri L.K. Advani, accompanied by an official delegation (Union Home Secretary, OSD to Dy. P.M., PS to Dy. P.M., JS(SEA), MEA, Director (PP), (MHA) visited Thailand and held discussions with the authorities in Thailand on 31st January and 1st February, 2003.